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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS REACTS CALMLY TO FORECASTS OF DELAY
IN EMBARGO VOTE

1. TURKISH PRESS JUNE 22 CARRIES CALM AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD
ACCOUNTS OF EXPECTED DELAY IN THE HOUSE VOTE ON THE
EMBARGO. IN LINE WITH RELATIVELY SOPHISTICATED
REPORTING OF RECENT WEEKS ON THIS ISSUE FROM WASHINGTON-
BASED CORRESPONDENTS, MOST MAJOR NEWSPAPERS PROVIDE
FAIRLY FACTUAL REPORTING ON VARIETY OF CONSIDERATIONS WHICH
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APPEAR TO BE PUSHING BACK DATE OF HOUSE VOTE. AT SAME TIME,
A NUMBER OF COMMENTATORS AND CORRESPONDENTS SPECULATE THAT
ONE FACTOR IN TIMING IS A CONGRESSIONAL DESIRE TO ASSESS
SIGNIFICANCE OF ECEVIT VISIT TO MOSCOW BEFORE MAKING
DECISION ON THE EMBARGO.

2. "CUMHURIYET" PROMINENTLY FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH

DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR NIMETZ BY KOSTA DAPONTE UNDER HEADLINE THAT "THE REAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE US WILL BEGIN AFTER THE EMBARGO". NIMETZ IS QUOTED AS OBSERVING THAT LONG-TERM PROBLEMS SUCH AS A DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WILL PROVE MORE DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX THAN LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. WHILE NOTING THAT THE HOUSE VOTE PROBABLY WOULD SLIP INTO JULY AND THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD LITTLE CONTROL OVER THE CONGRESSIONAL CALENDAR, NIMETZ IS QUOTED AS OBSERVING THAT THE CONGRESSMEN WHO ARE LEADING THE EFFORT TO LIFT THE EMBARGO ARE WAITING FOR THE DAY THEY CAN WIN THE VOTE.

3. "MILLIYET'S" CORRESPONDENT M. ALI BIRAND WRITES THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS CHANGED ITS TACTICS AND NOW IS TRYING TO HAVE A SENATE VOTE FIRST. BIRAND REPORTS AT SOME LENGTH CRITICISM OF REP. FINDLEY AND OTHERS REGARDING ADMINISTRATION TACTICS, BUT BALANCES THESE STATEMENTS WITH THOSE OF AN UNNAMED ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL WHO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE INFLUENCE OF THE "GREEK LOBBY" HAD DECREASED AND THAT IN THE END THE EMBARGO WOULD BE LIFTED.

4. INFLUENTIAL "MILLIYET" COMMENTATOR ABDI IPEKCI JUNE 21 SOUNDS A RECURRENT PRESS THEME OF RECENT DAYS IN SPECULATING THAT THE TIMING OF THE EMBARGO VOTE MAY HAVE BEEN ARRANGED SO THAT CONGRESS COULD SEE HOW FAR ECEVIT GOES IN ESTABLISHING WARMER POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS. CITING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCERN OF "CERTAIN PERSONS" THAT ECEVIT MIGHT SIGN A NON-AGGRESSION PACT WITH THE SOVIET, IPEKCI STATES THAT THE O "POLITICAL DOCUMENT" TO BE SIGNED IN MOSCOW WILL NOT BE A FORMAL TREATY REQUIRING PARLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION, BUT RATHER A BILATERAL AGREEMENT SIMILAR TO A NUMBER OF THOSE BETWEEN WESTERN STATES AND THE USSR AND CONSISTENT WITH THE HELSINKI FINAL ACCORD.

5. COMMENT: WHILE TURKISH PATIENCE IS CERTAINLY NOT UNLIMITED, FOR THE TIME BEING MOST TURKS SEEM TO BELIEVE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ITS CONGRESSIONAL ALLIES ON THIS ISSUE ARE MAKING A STRONG EFFORT TO LIFT THE EMBARGO AND THAT IN THE END THEY ARE LIKELY TO PREVAIL. SPIERS

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